against disruption of supplies arising out of any breakdown in indigenous production or war etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the phased time schedule drawn up for creating the tankages in different regions; and

(c) the expected gap between demand and supply and projections made for the volume and value of imports of LPG annually, during the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Oil Industry has proposed setting up of 305 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) additional tankage for LPG, to have an overall demand cover of 45 days by the year 2006-07.

(c) The details of demand, supply and estimated quantity of LPG imports during the period 2003-04 to 2006-07 are as under:-

(in TMT)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Demand	9,105	10,310	11,123	11,966
Supply	7,444	8,823	8,749	8,635
Gap	1,661	1,487	2,374	3,331
Imports	1,642	1,539	2,430	3,391

The value of imports in any year would depend upon the prevalent international prices of LPG. Also, no estimates have been prepared for the years beyond 2006-07.

Identification of new tourist sports in Uttaranchal for development

†86. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some new tourist spots of the State of Uttaranchal have been identified for development;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any development schemes have been formulated therefore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) For the present, based on field visits and discussions with the State Government, the following items have been identified for being taken up for development :

1. Setting up of "Rafter/Adventure" resort along the water-front of the river Ganga, Alaknanda and Mandakini etc.
2. Scientific sewerages system at Badrinath town.
3. Construction of suspension bridge at Dev Prayag.
4. Development of Ghats and sites at Srinagar.
5. Development of simple and smooth walkway along the river-bank at Rudraprayag.
6. Setting up of a Transport Centre at Karnaprayag.
7. Renovation of Tourist Centre at Pipalkoti.
8. Development of Tourist Complexes at Joshimath.
9. Development and landscaping of Pandukeshwar.
10. Development of Parking space at Govind Ghat.
11. Development of two parallel pathways from Govind Ghat to the Valley of Flowers/Hemkunt for pedestrians and other for mules and setting up of shops en-route on the pattern of Vaishno Devi.
12. Badrinath:
    (i) The entire area in front of the temple to be cleaned up and landscaped.
    (ii) Elegant lighting arrangement to be made in the temple complex as well as on the bridges and the landscaped portion.

(iii) Another bridge to be constructed for which financial sanction has been issued separately by the State Government out of the funds made available by the XI Finance Commission. With the construction of the second bridge, a proper circulation plan to be drawn up and all the shops which are currently located on the road in front of the temple could be relocated in the nearby area on Ajanta pattern.

(iv) A well planned parking space would be created for the buses as well as for the vehicles at appoint a little ahead of Badrish Ekta Van.

(v) In the building which is being wrongly constructed along the main temple and which cannot now be demolished, a proper Information-cum-Interpretation Centre, incorporating the concept of March of Indian Civilization, to be set up.

(vi) The hot water kunds to be re-planned and effectively cleaned and made more elegant.

(vii) A by-pass road to be constructed connecting it with the Mana village.

Recognition of Kanwariya Pilgrims

†87. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kanwariya pilgrims are recognised by Government to be religious tourists;

(b) if so, whether the arrangements of toilets, rain baseras and mobile hospitals are being mooted to be made available along the highways and in Haridwar, Rishikesh etc. for providing facilities to the Kanwariya pilgrimage being held twice a year;

(c) whether any action plan is being worked out with the consultation of the State Governments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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